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Sent: Friday, October 14, 2016 10:45 AM
To: Gingras, Jessica
Subject: FW: Fish and Wildlife Board

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From: Mark, Joseph T. [<mailto:Joe.Mark@castleton.edu>]
Sent: Thursday, October 13, 2016 6:25 PM
To: Porter, Louis <Louis.Porter@vermont.gov>
Subject: Fish and Wildlife Board

Dear, Louis:

I'd like to express my interest in serving on the F&W Board.

Never having trapped, I've been a hunter--ducks, partridge, and bow for deer--but these days I'm pretty exclusively a very enthusiastic fisherman for many varieties of fresh and saltwater fish.

Although these days I don't engage in trapping or hunting, I strongly support the rights of our citizens to pursue these important traditional activities. I also believe that more of our adults ought to be sharing their love of these endeavors with their children.

As you undoubtedly know, I devote a great amount of my time as a retiree to supporting and expanding Vermont's Trout in the Classroom program. Through this work, I've seen first-hand how "nature-deprived " a very large percentage of today's youth are.

When I go to a school to talk about TIC, I often ask kids whether the fish and hunt and how much time they spend in the woods. Their answers shock. Even children who live within a few hundred feet of some of Vermont's most beautiful forests and streams typically don't play in them.

One of my objectives in serving on the F&W Board would be to support policies that stanch the loss of our youth to a life without nature.

Joe

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